

DEATH. DIED: in October 1773 in Talbot County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, at least £1,438.8.11 current money (including 24 slaves, 96 oz. plate, and books). **LAND:** probably 914 acres in Talbot County and 11 lots in Oxford.

OLDHAM, EDWARD (ca. 1756–1798). BORN: ca. 1756. NATIVE: possibly; if so, second generation. RESIDED: in Bohemia Manor Hundred, Cecil County; records indicate probably dual residence in Baltimore County, ca. 1780s. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: possibly Edward Oldham, a farmer who resided in Chester, Pennsylvania, in 1757. MARRIED in 1784 Mary (ca. 1765–1819), daughter of Joseph Ensor and wife Mary Bouchelle. Mary was the granddaughter of Peter Bouchelle and wife Catherine Herman. OTHER KINSHIP: great-grandfather, *Ephraim Augustine Herman* (1683–1734/35). CHILDREN. SONS: Edward; George Washington; and Charles Herman. DAUGHTERS: Maria (Mary); Harriet; Ann, who married Edward Oldham; and possibly Nancy. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: Esq., by 1792. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: probably planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Cecil County, 1789, 1790, 1791–1792, 1792. OTHER STATE OFFICE: Maryland Senate elector, Cecil County, 1791. LOCAL OFFICE: justice, Cecil County, 1794—at least 1796. MILITARY SERVICE: 1st lieutenant of a company of militia, Gunpowder Battalion, Baltimore County Militia, commissioned May 25, 1776; 1st lieutenant, Flying Camp, July–December, 1776; 1st lieutenant, 4th Regiment, Maryland Line, December 1776; captain, 4th Regiment, Maryland Line, May 1777; transferred to 5th Regiment, Maryland Line, January 1781; transferred to 1st Regiment, Maryland Line, January 1783; served with the Maryland Battalion, April–November 1783; brevet major, Maryland Battalion, September 1783. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value in Baltimore County, £32.0.0, 1783; 21 slaves, 1790. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 117 acres in Baltimore County; probably controlled an additional 1,728 acres of the total 3,456 acres of Bohemia Manor inherited by his wife and her brother from their father (Mary's brother's land was put in trust after he was declared an idiot). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: acquired more than 4,071 acres in Cecil County, 1792–1796. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: on November 4, 1798, in Cecil County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £4,929.10.5 (including 35 slaves and 76 oz. plate); FB, estate

overpaid £33.19.8. Indebted at death with Richard Bassett, Esq., of Delaware to *Charles Carroll of Carrollton* (1737–1832) for £9,897.10.0. LAND: probably more than 4,000 acres in Cecil County, as well as probable control of his wife's inheritance of ca. 1,700 acres.

OLDHAM, JOHN (?–1729). IMMIGRATED: probably; in Talbot County by 1695. RESIDED: in Talbot County by 1695; in Oxford, Talbot County, by 1696 to death. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** SISTER: possibly Hannah. MARRIED by 1702 Mary, possibly the daughter of Jasper Hall (?–ca. 1718) and wife Mary (?–1718). CHILDREN. SON: *Edward Oldham* (1709–1773). DAUGHTERS: Hannah (ca. 1702–1759), who married first, ca. 1729, Capt. Tamberlaine Davis (?–1735), and second, by 1746, *James Edge* (ca. 1710–1757); Elizabeth (1704–?), who married in 1726/27 David Davis; Mary (ca. 1707–?); and Martha, who married in 1732 Edward Hardin. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican; held pew in St. Peter's Parish Church, Talbot County, 1728. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1717. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: smith; probable storekeeper; miller. Oldham is described as a blacksmith as early as 1696 and a whitesmith in 1724. He probably also kept a store in Oxford and may have owned a warehouse there. In 1717 the legislature granted Oldham permission to build a windmill in Oxford and his inventory includes millstones and mill equipment. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Talbot County, 1722–1724. LOCAL OFFICES: commissioner of the Free School, Talbot County, in office 1723, 1727; St. Peter's Parish Vestry, Talbot County, elected 1724 (exempted from service), 1726, 1728–1729. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** PERSONAL PROPERTY: purchased as indentured servants some of the Jacobite rebels transported from Belfast, Ireland, to Oxford, Talbot County, in 1717. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: probably 425 acres in Talbot County and 7 lots in Oxford, Talbot County (all by purchase). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased another lot in Oxford in 1724, and 80 acres in Talbot County in 1725. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: between October 14 and December 9, 1729, in Talbot County, probably at his home in Oxford. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £659.7.6 current money (including 10 slaves, 105 oz. plate, and books); FB, £628.14.5 current money. LAND: probably 505 acres in Talbot County and 8 lots in Oxford, Talbot County.